

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
Auburn, CA 95603

Project Title: LGPP Crystal Basin Recreation Activities Workplan (SNC937-A-LGPP)

Project Location – Specific: Wrights Lake Recreation Area, within the Pacific Ranger District of Eldorado National Forest. Project center at approximately -120.237, 38.845

Project Location - City: No communities within the project area, in National Forest. Approximately 5.8 mi NW of Strawberry and 6 mi NE of Kyburz.

Project Location - County: El Dorado

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

SNC would provide funding to the Great Basin Institute for the Crystal Basin - Healthy Eldorado Landscape Partnership pilot project, to complete the Recreation Activities Workplan. Activities include assessing current conditions of recreation infrastructure and amenities in the Wright's Lake recreation area and delivering a need-based improvement inventory, prioritization process, improvement designs, and environmental compliance. Recreation infrastructure and amenities at Wrights Lake were constructed several decades ago and the high demands of present-day visitor use have surpassed the capacity of these existing structures and amenities. There will be no ground disturbance for the assessment of current conditions of recreation infrastructure and amenities, inventory, prioritization, improvement designs, and environmental compliance.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Project Applicant / Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Great Basin Institute
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Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption: Pub. Resources Code, section 21150; CEQA Guidelines, Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies

Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines, Section 15306, Information Collection

Reasons why project is exempt:

The planning activities under this project are needs assessment, prioritization process, designs, and environmental compliance towards potential future improvements to recreation infrastructure and amenities in the Wrights Lake recreation area. The potential future improvements have not yet been approved, adopted, or funded. The planning and due diligence activities to be carried out as part of the project involve no ground or resource disturbance. The project is Statutorily Exempt under CEQA Guidelines, Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies as the Project only involves planning studies for possible future actions, which the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Governing Board has not approved, adopted, or funded; there is no legally binding effect on later activities. The project is also Categorically Exempt under CEQA Guidelines, Section 15306 Information Collection because it consists of basic data collection and resource evaluation activities, which do not result in a disturbance to environmental resources. The proposed activities are for information gathering purposes and are part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

Lead Agency

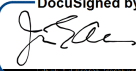
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If filed by applicant: N/A

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project:
Yes ___ No ___

Signature: _____

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Title: Chief Deputy Executive Officer

Date: 4/12/2024

Signed by Lead Agency: Yes

Signed by Applicant: No

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. **Date received for filing at OPR:** _____

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.